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ABSTRACT

Recognizing the increasing pressure for publication for early childhood academics and the lack of current information about journals' publication practices, this study surveyed editors of Australian and international journals. The journals were selected through a survey of 43 academic staff of an institute of early childhood education and through a library search. Mail replies were received from 73 of the 121 editors contacted, for a response rate of 63 percent. Findings indicated that almost 70 percent of the journals reported fewer than 5,000 subscriptions while only 8 percent had a circulation greater than 10,000. Nearly all the journals targeted academics and published research articles, with 30 percent publishing only research. The number of journals publishing theoretical or review articles could not be determined because of different interpretations of the questions. Most journals published between 5 and 10 articles per issue, with almost two-thirds preferring manuscripts of less than 5,000 words. The American Psychological Association referencing style was required most commonly. For about three-quarters of the journals, editors sent manuscripts to two or three reviewers, with blind reviews used in about 80 percent of the journals. Almost all editors shared reviews with the author. The estimated review time averaged 3 months and publication lag averaged 6 to 12 months. Acceptance rates for unsolicited manuscripts ranged from 8 to 80 percent, with half of the editors accepting between 20 and 50 percent of unsolicited manuscripts. Only 5 percent of manuscripts were accepted without revision. (An appendix presents condensed publishing information for approximately 143 journals. Contains 13 references.) (KDFB)

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ABSTRACT

Early childhood academics are under increasing pressure to enhance their research profiles by publishing in refereed journals. This paper reports on a study undertaken in response to that pressure. The editors of 121 Australian and international journals were surveyed to obtain information about publication policies and processes. They were asked about target audience, circulation, preferred content, the review process, the number of manuscripts received, acceptance rates and publication lag. They were also asked for their advice to intending contributors.

INTRODUCTION

The dismantling of the binary system of tertiary education in Australia in the late 1980s saw the provision of early childhood teacher education move from the CAE to the university system. Early childhood academics involved in this transition have had to adopt new roles, including that of researcher. Integral to research is the dissemination of findings through publication (Miles & Huberman, 1994; Bogdan & Biklin, 1992). Indeed, publication output is a widely regarded measure of research productivity and academic status. It influences perceptions of individual and institutional excellence and impacts on decisions concerning funding, employment, tenure and promotion, and the awarding of research grants (Bazeley, 1994; Ramsden, 1994; Webb, 1994; Beattie, 1993; Poole, 1993). Thus, for early childhood academics (and institutions) seeking to establish themselves within a university culture, publication - particularly in refereed journals - is vital.

Advice about writing for publication is readily available (e.g., Ross & Morrison, 1993; Moxley, 1992a; Moxley, 1992b). There is, however, relatively little information about publishing in specific refereed journals, apart from the brief Notes to Contributors in the journals themselves. Information about journals of potential interest to early childhood academics tends to be scattered, incomplete, outdated and US oriented. For example, Henson (1993) regularly surveys editors of 53 education journals in the US. Similarly, Gargiulo, Sefton and Graves (1992) surveyed 16 editors of US early childhood journals. Both surveys included a mix of refereed and non-refereed journals. In Australia, Harmon (1989) compiled information about eight refereed education journals, none of which related specifically to early childhood. Since these surveys were conducted, several new Australian and international journals have been established.

THE SURVEY

Aims

The survey reported in this article was prompted by the increasing pressure for publication and the lack of readily available, complete and up-to-date information about journals and their publication practices and policies. Funded by the Institute of Early Childhood as part of a program to assist novice researchers, the survey had three aims:

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- to establish a data base of refereed journals in which early childhood academics might publish;
- to provide information to guide decisions concerning the submission of articles for publication; and
- to compile guidelines for intending authors.

This article focuses on the second of these aims.

Selection of journals

The multi disciplinary nature of early childhood is reflected in the wide range of journals which publish research related to young children, their families or the professionals who work with them. The journals surveyed were selected by a two stage process. Forty three academic staff of the Institute of Early Childhood were surveyed about their research interests and the journals in which they had published or would like to publish. The 31% of staff who responded nominated 30 research interests and 46 journals. Using these responses as a guide, a library search was then conducted for additional relevant journals. To keep the task manageable, preference was given to research interests mentioned by more than one staff member. Subsequently, 121 refereed journals were selected. Of these, 20 were primarily Australian while 101 were foreign/international. Some were specialist early childhood journals. Others reflected the diverse interests of early childhood academics, including psychology, sociology, teacher education, curriculum, multicultural and special education. Because of funding restraints, the journals selected were representative of those available and did not constitute an exhaustive list of possibilities.

Design

The survey was similar in design to those conducted by Gargiulo, Sefton and Graves (1992) and Henson (1993). Editors were questioned about audience and circulation, content, publication format, the review process, the number of manuscripts received, acceptance rates and communication with intending authors. In addition, they were invited to offer advice to intending contributors.

THE FINDINGS

Replies were received from 73 of the 121 editors surveyed, giving a response rate of 63%. The response from editors of Australian journals was higher (75%) than from those of international journals (60%). Not all editors completed all sections of the survey. Detailed information about specific journals follows the summary.

Audience and circulation

The audience for the journals surveyed, based on the number of paid subscriptions, varied from 90 to 60,000. Almost 70% of journals had less than 5,000 subscriptions while only 8% of journals had a circulation of more than 10,000. Nearly all journals (96%) targeted, at least in part, academics and/or researchers but only 6% of journals targeted practitioners solely. The number of issues per year ranged from 1 to 10, with 4 issues being most common.

Content

Almost all journals (97%) published research articles, with 30% of journals publishing only research articles. A question concerning the number of non-empirical articles as a percentage of all research articles caused confusion. The intention was to determine opportunities for publishing theoretical articles or reviews of literature, rather than data-based research. Some editors, however, interpreted *non-empirical* as *qualitative* while others argued that it was a meaningless distinction. Furthermore, 20% of editors did not attempt to answer. Consequently, the responses to this question should be interpreted with caution.

In general, however, there seem fewer opportunities to publish non-empirical research than empirical research. Twenty one per cent of journals published empirical articles only while, for another 21% of journals, at least three quarters of the articles published were empirical. In contrast, 4% of journals published non-empirical articles only and, for another 7% of journals, at least three quarters of the articles were non-empirical.

Sixty percent of journals published themed issues but, for most of these journals, themed issues were published only occasionally. Information about forthcoming themes was available either from the editor or the most recent copy of the journal.

Publication format

Most journals (73%) published between five and ten articles per issue. Almost two-thirds of journals preferred manuscripts of less than 5,000 words, while the remaining third asked for between 5,000 and 10,000 words. The American Psychological Association (APA) referencing style was required most commonly (by 56% of journals), followed by 'in house' or un-named style (16%), Harvard (15%), Chicago (8%) and the Australian Government Publication style (4%).

The review process

Most commonly, editors sent manuscripts to two or three reviewers (for 77% of journals), although 15% sent manuscripts to more than three reviewers. Reviews were undertaken blind (i.e., author's name unknown to reviewer) in 82% of cases. A small number of journals (5%) offered blind reviews upon request. The high percentage of blind reviews suggests that decisions are made on the basis of the quality of the manuscript, not the reputation of the author - in some ways, cause for optimism amongst beginning researchers.

Very few journals (3%) charged for reviews. The charge made by these journals was approximately \$US20. Reviewers were provided with a rating instrument by 80% of editors. Almost all editors (93%) shared the reviews with the author.

Typically, the estimated average review time for manuscripts was up to three months (69%) or from four to six months (25%). Anecdotal evidence suggests, however, that these times might be a little optimistic. Publication lag - the time between acceptance of manuscript and publication - was usually between six and twelve months (62%). For 10% of journals, however, this extended to eighteen months, while 20% of editors claimed a lag of less than six months. In reality, however, these times may be longer.

Acceptance rates

Slightly more than 40% of editors solicited manuscripts for at least some issues, although these were not necessarily accepted. The number of unsolicited manuscripts received monthly varied considerably. Most commonly (36%) journals received between five and ten manuscripts per month. However, 19% received less than five manuscripts monthly; 18% received between ten and twenty, while 10% of journals received more than twenty unsolicited manuscripts monthly. Acceptance rates for unsolicited manuscripts varied from 8% to 80%. Half the editors surveyed, however, accepted between 20% and 50% of the unsolicited manuscripts they received.

Typically, manuscripts required revision before being accepted. Most journals (70%) required revision to all manuscripts which were accepted. Approximately 39% of all manuscripts eventually accepted required major revision. Overall, only 5% of manuscripts were accepted without revision.

Communication with intending authors

Most editors welcomed communication with intending authors, although they emphasised that it was not required. Those editors willing to be contacted preferred letter (82%) to facsimile (68%) or telephone contact (64%).

Advice to intending contributors

In general, editors advised intending authors to become familiar with the journal to which they intended to submit; to write clearly; to report meaningful research; to seek feedback from peers prior to submitting; to take account of the needs and interests of an international audience, where appropriate; and to follow the notes to contributors provided in the journal. The following advice was typical:

Read previous issues of the journal first to gain a clear idea of the audience and alternative formats. Read the "notes to contributors". Get some informal peer review before submitting. Note that it is an international journal and most readers will not know the details of the Australian context. Editor, Teaching and Teacher Education

Know the audience and write clearly. Avoid jargon and academic pretence. Editor, Journal of Curriculum and Supervision

Do meaningful research that is methodologically rigorous, describe it precisely yet in detail, and draw meaningful implications. Editor, Topics in Early Childhood Special Education

Follow - to the letter - the 'notes for contributors'. Editor, British Journal of Educational Studies

Advice of this type was pervasive. Heeding such advice seems essential!

CONCLUSION

The pressure to publish is unlikely to dissipate. Publication offers many intrinsic rewards, however, apart from the extrinsic motivators of funding, employment, tenure and promotion. Rewards include opportunities to share one's work with colleagues and interested others and, hopefully, to influence policy and practice. As well, publication offers greater professional recognition and a personal sense of achievement and closure. For these rewards to be realised, however, a number of challenges must be overcome.

Firstly, intending contributors need to target an appropriate journal. One's purpose for publishing must match the nature of the journal. If one's goal is to reach as many practitioners as possible, for example, then choice of journal will be different if one is targeting primarily researchers and academics. A specialist journal - albeit one with a smaller circulation - is more appropriate for disseminating highly specialised research. Similarly, for research concerned with Australian contexts and issues, a national journal may be more appropriate than an international one.

Secondly, intending contributors must be thoroughly familiar with the journal's style and conventions. Editors were emphatic that authors adhere to the required format. Careful study of the journal's *Guidelines for intending contributors*, therefore, is essential. Adherence to these guidelines will increase the likelihood of one's manuscript being accepted for publication and enhance the professional image of early childhood academics.

Thirdly, new authors need to develop confidence in submitting manuscripts to a range of journals. Blind reviews predominate, suggesting that author, cultural or gender bias in the reviewing process will be unlikely. Thus, novice authors are not discriminated against per se.

Ultimately, decisions about which journals to target must be personal decisions. Hopefully, however, this survey will alert early childhood academics to new publishing possibilities and assist them in making more informed decisions.

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AECTA Resource Book Series	P	-	4	1	NI	N/A	NI	8	Harvard	4-8	Yes	Yes	Yes	<3	No	1-2	1	3.5/yr	95
Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education	A, AM	310	3	6.8	60-80	50	<1	3.5	Harvard	2+	Yes	Yes	Yes	6-8w	No	12	-	4	68
Australian Journal of Early Childhood	ARP	2000	4	7	100	50	2	2.5	Harvard	2+	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	up to 8	Yes	4	68
Australian Journal of Education	ARP	750	3	6	100	50	<1	20-30p	APA	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	12-18	10-15	<20	68
Australian Journal of Teacher Education	AM	80	2	6	80	80	Values	3	APA	2	Yes	Yes	No	3	No	8	1	2	50
Australian Research in Early Childhood Education	ARP	140	1	15	100	88	NI	10p	APA	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.3	No	Nothing	NI	N/A	65
Australian Journal of Developmental Psychology	ARP	1415	4	12	88	NI	<1	<8	Harvard	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	4.8	No	13	NI	7	40
British Journal of Educational Psychology	ARP, S	1447	4	9	85	<55	Finding	2.5-4	APA	1-4	on request	Yes	Yes	2	No	10	NI	8	30
British Journal of Educational Studies	AM	1000	4	5	-	NI	<1	<8	Harvard	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.8	No	8	NI	8	25
Child Language Teaching and Therapy	ARP	200	3	6	80	NI	<1	3.5	Harvard	2	No	No	Yes	3.8	No	6-8	NI	2.3	50
Child Care, Health and Development	ARP	800	8	6	80	50	<1	3-4	APA	1-2	Yes	No	Yes	2	No	3-4	NI	5	60
Childhood Education	P	11500	5	15	5	80	1	1.4-2.8	APA	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	3.4	No	0.12	NI	12	15
Child in Australia	-	-	4	6	-	-	NI	3.5	Harvard	3	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	8	<1	3	80
Child in Today	A, P, PAR	10000	4	16	-	-	-	16hours	Harvard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Child in Transition in Education	ARP	2000	4	6-8	30	50	NI	1.5-4	Harvard	5	No	Yes	Yes	3	No	6-12	-	-	40
Childhood Inquiry	ARP	1400	4	5	100	50	NI	Values	Chicago	8	Yes	No	Yes	5	No	6-10	NI	8	30
Childhood Perspectives	ARP, PAR	1200+	4	3-4	-	-	NI	<8	Aus Engl. Pab.	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	1.3	No	6-12	NI	50-80	80
Childhood and Early Education	P	-	4	8	75	N/A	NI	8-9p	APA	2-3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.4	No	4	8-8	15-20	80
Developmental Psychology	AM	Thousands	8	15-20	88-90	-	NI	40p	APA	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.3	No	8	80	35-50	75

	Audience Code A - Administrators A/R - Academics/Researchers P - Practitioners PA - Policy Analysts S - Students PAR - Parents	Circulation	Issues per year	Average number of articles per issue	Research articles (%)	Non-empirical research articles (% of all research articles)	Theme issues per year	Preferred length (1000 words/pages)	Referencing style	Number of reviews	Blind review	Rating instrument	Reviews shared with author	Average review time (months)	Review charge	Publication lag (months)	Average number of solicited manuscripts per issue	Average number of unsolicited manuscripts received monthly	Percentage of unsolicited manuscripts accepted
Developmental Review	ARR	400	4	4.5	NI	NI	1	<60pp	APA 2+	2+	on request	Yes	Yes	3	No	8.9	NI	12	45
Reviewers	A:ARR:PA:S	400	3	8	50	88	<1	3.7	Am. Govt. Pub. 2+	2+	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	12	1	4.5	25
Early Childhood Research Quarterly	ARR	3000	4	0.8	90	NI	-	-	APA	2	Yes	-	Yes	2.3	No	0.12	20	12	20
Early Education and Development	ARR:PA:A	410	4	0.7	88+	NI	1	5.10	APA 2	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	0	1.2	8	20
Education 3-12	ARR:P:S	1400	3	10-12	50	6	NI	3.4	h-hours	-	Yes	No	Yes	1	No	12	2	4.5	20
Educational Philosophy and Theory	ARR:P	850	2	0.7	100	100	1	8	Chicago	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.3	No	up to 18	1.2	3.2	50
Educational Research Quarterly	ARR:PA	3000	4	3.4	80	20	NI	10-15pp	APA 2.5	2.5	Yes	Yes	Occasionally	4.8	Partial	24	NI	10	30
Educational Theory	ARR	2100	4	0.8	10	100	1	<1.5	Chicago	-	Yes	Yes	Occasionally	3	No	0	<1	10-15	15
European Early Childhood Research Journal	A:ARR:P:PA	350	2	8	90	20	NI	4.8	Harvard 2	2	No	Yes	Yes	3	No	0	3	8.10	20
Exceptional Children	ARR:P	80000	8	8-10	95	NI	1	20-25pp	APA 3	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	No	0.12	NI	10-15	15-20
Early Education	ARR:P	5000	4	1.7	70	NI	2	25pp	APA 2.5	2.5	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	Yes	4	2	15	25
Early Language	ARR	500	4	8	95	NI	<1	4.8	h-hours	2+	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	9	NI	10-15	20
Forum Education	A:ARR:P:PA	180	2	6.7	-	-	NI	5	h-hours	2	Yes	No	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gibson Child Quarterly	ARR	7000	4	6.7	95	8	<2	-	APA 3.4	3.4	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	No	5-10	<1	7-10	10-18
High Education Research and Development	ARR	1000	2	7	80	-	<1	5	APA 2.3	2.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	0	3	9	10
Higher Education Review	A:ARR	650	3	5	50	60	NI	5-10	h-hours	-	No	No	Yes	1	No	0	<1	5	20-30
Infants and Young Children	ARR:P	4000	4	8+	80	Value	NI	15pp	AMA 2	2	No	Yes	Yes	1	No	3	7.8	1.2	90
International Journal of Early Childhood	ARR	2500	2	12	90	Value	-	<3.5	-	-	-	-	Yes	0	No	3	3.2	8.8	70
International Journal of Early Years Education	ARR:P:S	200	3	6.7	75	Value	NI	2.5-5	Harvard 2	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	No	8-12	NI	5	80

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International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education	AJR	2000	4	7	100	100	Optional	4.5-6	APA 3.4	2-4	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	No	12	NI	12-15	20
Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology	AJR:P:5	700	4	8	100	Value	Value	6-7.5	APA 2	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	9	NI	8	25
Journal of Child Language	AJR	2000	3	12	100	10	NI	<10	In-house 2	2	Yes	No	Yes	4.6	No	12-18	NI	12	16-20
Journal of Curriculum and Experience	AJR:CA	8000	4	5	80	60	NI	1.2-2	In-house 3	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-3	No	3.8	NI	10	23
Journal of Curriculum Studies	AJR:CS	1800	4	6	100	80	NI	<8	In-house 2.3	2.3	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	12	NI	8	40
Journal of Early Intervention	AJR:EI	4000	4	8	75	NI	1	18-18.99	APA 3.4	3.4	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	8-11	NI	10	30-33
Journal of Education for Teaching	AJR	800	3	6.8	100	10	NI	20-29	In-house 2.4	2.4	Yes	No	Yes	2	No	5.8	NI	8	22
Journal of Early Issues	AJR:EI	1600	6	6	80	10	2	20-29	APA 3.3	3.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	4.8	Value	8	15
Journal of Early Studies	A:AJR:7	-	2	-	-	-	-	<5	APA 3.3	3.3	Optional	No	Yes	-	No	-	-	-	-
Journal of Heritage and the Early	AJR:5	7000	4	20	100	2	NI	30-39	APA 2.3	2.3	Yes	No	Yes	1.1-1.5	Yes	3.9	<1	25	17
Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development	AJR	800	6	5	5	-	2	7	In-house 2	2	Yes	No	Yes	4.5	No	7	NI	8	25
Journal of Reading Behavior	AJR	1000	4	5	100	NI	NI	20-50-99	APA 3	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	8	NI	4	20-25
Journal of Research in Childhood Education	AJR:J	6000	2	6	100	50	NI	<20-29	APA 2	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	8	NI	4	20
Journal of Research in Childhood Education	AJR:J	2300	6	8-10	80	28	2	1.4	APA 2	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	2-12	NI	10	60
Language Arts	A:AJR:1	22000	8	8	28	-	AD	5-20-29	APA 3.4	3.4	Yes	Yes	Yes	5-6	No	5	NI	25	10-12
Journal of Literacy Development	AJR:5	1400	4	8	85-100	3.5	1	30-39	APA 3.4	3.4	on request	No	Yes	3	No	12	NI	6-8	18-18
Journal of Literacy Education	AJR:J	63000	6	6	20	NI	1.1	1-3	Chicago 4	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	6	1	15	20
Journal of Special Education	AJR:J	2000	6	6-7	100	NI	2-3	20-39	APA 3	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	1-2	No	8	10-15	10-15	
Journal of Educational Research	AJR:P:5	18000	4	4	-	-	-	8.8	APA	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-3	No	5.5	0	8	12

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Science and Children	P	22000	8	7	6	26	NI	1.6	APA	3	Yes	Yes	No	8	No	1	NI	25	26
Social Development	A,AR,P,PA	Handbook	3	6	60	10	NI	1	APA	3-4	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	6-12	NI	30-40	50
South Pacific Journal of Teacher Education	ARI	300	2	6.8	20	50	NI	1	APA	2	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	18	NI	4	50
Teaching and Teacher Education	ARI	1000+	6	7	100	Var	NI	4.5-7.5	APA	3-3	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	8	NI	16-18	22-25
The Australian Journal of Special Education	AR,P	1800	2	6	70	Var	1	3.5	APA	2	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	6	NI	1.6	60-70
The Australian Journal of Language & Literacy	AR,P	8000	4	6	75-80	50	2	10-15pp	APA	2	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	6	NI	1.6	60-70
The Elementary School Journal	A,AR,P,PA,S	4327	6	7	87	30	2	30pp	APA	2-3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-3	No	18	Var	13	8
The Journal of Career Behaviour	A,AR,P	2000	4	5	80	50	NI	5.8	APA	2-3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-3	No	2	NI	4.5	50
The Journal of Educational Thought	A,AR,P	500	3	3.5	-	-	NI	5	APA	2-3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-3	No	12-18	NI	6-8	2-8
The Journal of Special Education	ARI	4000	4	7	95	NI	Occasional	10-15pp	APA	2-3	Yes	No	Yes	2	No	8-8	NI	10-15	15-20
The Journal of Vocational Education Research	AR,P	400	4	4	100	20	Yes	15-20pp	APA	3	Yes	No	Yes	2	No	3-8	NI	5-9	20
Theory into Practice	AR,P	2000	4	8-10	-	-	4	3-4	APA	2-3	No	Yes	Yes	3-4	No	6	NI	5	Var
Topics in Early Childhood Special Education	AR,P	2700	4	7	40	NI	3	25pp	APA	4	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	8	NI	8-9	25
Others	AR,P	7000	4	8-8	10	50	Yes	<4	Harvard	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	8-12	5	12-15	10

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AECA Annals Book Series	P	-	4	1	NR	N/A	NR	0	Harrad	4/8	Yes	Yes	Yes	<3	No	1/2	1	3.5%	85
Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education	A, AR	330	3	5.8	80/80	50	<1	3.5	Harrad	2+	Yes	Yes	Yes	0.8/3	No	1/2	-	4	65
Australian Journal of Early Childhood	AR/P	2000	4	7	100	-	2	2.5	Harrad	2+	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	up to 8	4	4	60
Australian Journal of Education	AR/P	750	3	6	100	50	<1	20-30p	JPA	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	12-18	10-15	<20	60
Australian Journal of Teacher Education	AR	80	2	5	50	50	Varies	3	JPA	2	Yes	Yes	No	3	No	6	1	2	50
Australian Annals of Early Childhood Education	AR/P	140	1	15	100	80	NI	10p	JPA	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-3	No	Not known	NI	2	55
British Journal of Developmental Psychology	AR/P, S	1415	4	12	85	NI	<1	<5	Harrad	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	4.5	No	13	NI	7	40
British Journal of Educational Psychology	AR	1447	4	9	85	<5%	Trifling	2.5-4	GRS	1-4	on request	Yes	Yes	2	No	10	NI	0	30
British Journal of Educational Studies	AR	1000	4	5	-	Most	<1	<5	Harrad	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.5	No	0	NI	0	25
Child Language Teaching and Therapy	AR/P	700	3	5	80	NI	<1	3.5	Johnson	2	No	No	Yes	3.5	No	5.9	NI	3.3	50
Child Care, Health and Development	AR/P	800	6	6	90	80	<1	3-4	JPA	1-2	Yes	No	Yes	2	No	3-4	NI	6	80
Childhood Education	P	11500	5	15	6	90	1	1.4-3.5	JPA	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-4	No	8-12	NI	12	15
Children Australia	-	-	4	5	-	-	NI	3.5	Harrad	3	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	0	<1	3	80
Children Today	A, P, PAH	10000	4	15	-	-	-	Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children's Literatures in Education	AR/P	2000	4	5-8	30	50	NI	1.5-4	Johnson	5	No	Yes	Yes	3	No	5-12	-	-	40
Curriculum Inquiry	AR/P	1400	4	5	100	50	NI	Varies	Chicago	8	Yes	No	Yes	5	No	5-10	NI	8	50
Curriculum Perspectives	AR/P, PAH	1200+	4	7-8	-	-	NI	<8	Aus Int'l. Pub.	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	1-3	No	5-12	NI	50-80	
Deafness and Early Education	P	-	4	6	75	N/A	NI	5-10p	JPA	3-3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-4	No	4	5-8	15-20	80
Developmental Psychology	AR	Thousands	6	15-20	85-90	-	Var	40p	JPA	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-3	No	9	NI	25-30	25

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Developmental Review	AR	400	4	4.5	NI	NI	1	<80pp	APA 2+	2+	on request	Yes	Yes	3	No	0.9	NI	12	45
Discourse	A; AR; PA; S	400	3	8	50	05	<1	3-7	Am. Ent. P.A. 2+	2+	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	12	1	4.5	25
Early Childhood Research Quarterly	AR	3000	4	8.8	80	NI	-	-	APA	-	Yes	-	-	2.3	No	8-12	20	12	20
Early Education and Development	AR; PA; A	410	4	6.7	85+	NI	1	5-10	APA	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	8	12	8	20
Education 3-13	AR; P; S	1400	3	10.12	50	5	NI	2-4	Inhouse	-	Yes	No	Yes	1	No	12	2	4.5	30
Educational Philosophy and Theory	AR; S	850	2	8.7	100	100	1	8	Chicago	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	2.3	No	up to 18	1.2	2.3	50
Educational Research Quarterly	AR; PA	1000	4	3-4	80	20	NI	10-15pp	APA 2.3	2.3	Yes	Yes	Occasionally	4.0	Partial	24	NI	10	30
Educational Theory	AR	2100	4	8.8	10	100	1	<7.5	Chicago	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	8	<1	10-15	15
European Early Childhood Research Journal	A; AR; P; PA	250	2	6	80	20	NI	4-8	Herald	2	No	Yes	Yes	3	No	8	3	8-10	20
European Journal of Psychology	AR; P	80000	6	8.10	85	NI	1	20-25pp	APA 3	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	No	8-12	NI	10-15	15-20
Family Relations	AR; P	5000	4	17	70	NI	2	25pp	APA 2.3	2.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	Yes	4	2	15	25
First Language	AR	500	4	8	95	NI	<1	4-8	Inhouse 2+	-	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	8	NI	10-15	20
Forum of Education	A; AR; P; PA	150	2	5.7	-	-	NI	5	Inhouse	2	Yes	No	Yes	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gifted Child Quarterly	AR	7000	4	5.7	95	0	<2	-	APA 3.4	3.4	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	No	5-10	<1	7-10	10-15
Higher Education Research and Development	AR	1000	2	7	50	-	<1	5	APA 2.3	2.3	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	9	3	-	10
Higher Education Research and Development	A; AR	650	3	5	50	50	-	5-10	Inhouse	-	No	No	No	1	No	8	<1	5	20-30
Infants and Young Children	AR; P	4000	4	8+	80	Varies	NI	15pp	AMA	2	No	Yes	Yes	1	No	3	7-8	1-2	80
International Journal of Early Childhood	AR	2500	2	12	80	Varies	-	<3.5	-	-	-	-	-	8	No	3	2-3	8-8	70
International Journal of Early Year Education	AR; P; S	200	3	6.7	75	30	NI	2.5-5	Herald	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	No	5-12	NI	5	80

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International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education	AN	2000	4	7	100	100	Occasional	4-8.5	APA 3-4	3-4	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	No	12	NI	12-15	20
Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology	AN/P-2	700	4	6	100	Verba	Verba	5-7.5	APA 2	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	9	NI	9	25
Journal of Child Language	AN	2000	3	12	100	10	NI	<10	Inhouse	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	4.8	No	12-18	NI	12	18-20
Journal of Curriculum and Experient	AN/P-4	6000	4	6	80	80	NI	1.2-2	Inhouse	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-3	No	3-9	NI	10	23
Journal of Curriculum Studies	AN/P-6	1800	6	6.5	100	80	NI	<8	Inhouse	2-3	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	12	NI	8	40
Journal of Early Intervention	AN/P-2	8000	4	9	75	NI	1	15-18pp	APA 3-4	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	8-11	NI	10	20-33
Journal of Education for Teaching	AN	800	3	8-8	100	-	NI	18-24	Inhouse	2+	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-3	No	5-8	NI	8	22
Journal of Early Issues	AN/P-2	1800	8	6	80	10	2	20pp	APA 2-3	2-3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	4-8	Verba	8	15
Journal of Family Studies	A, AN/P-7	7000	2	-	-	-	-	<5	APA 2-3	2-3	Optional	No	Yes	2	No	4-8	Verba	8	15
Journal of Marriage and the Family	AN/P-4	7000	4	20	100	2	NI	20pp	APA 2-3	2-3	Yes	Yes	Yes	1-1.5	Yes	3-9	<1	25	17
Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development	AN	800	8	5	5	-	2	7	Inhouse	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	4.5	No	7	NI	8	25
Journal of Reading Behaviour	AN	1000	4	6	100	NI	NI	30-50pp	APA 2	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	8	1	0	20-25
Journal of Research in Childhood Education	AN/P-2	5000	2	8	100	60	NI	<20pp	APA 2	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	6	NI	4	20
Journal of Special Education and Research	AN/P-7	2300	6	8-10	80	25	2	1-4	APA 2+	2+	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	2-12	NI	10	80
Language Arts	A, P-AN	22000	8	8	25	-	AI	5-20pp	APA 2+	2+	Yes	Yes	Yes	5-8	No	5	NI	25	10-12
Journal of Research in Reading	AN/P-5	1400	4	6	85-90	3-5	1	20pp	APA 2+	2+	on request	No	Yes	3	No	12	NI	6-8	15-18
Journal of Special Education	AN/P-2	63000	6	6	20	60	Yes	1-3	Chicago	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	8	1	15	30
Journal of Educational Research	AN/P-5	2000	8	5-7	100	NI	2-3	20-25pp	APA 2	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	1-2	No	8	10-15	80-90	10-15
Journal of Educational Research	AN/P-5	18000	4	4	-	-	-	8-9	APA 2	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-3	No	8-5	0	8	12

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Science and Children	P	22000	8	7	6	26	NI	1.5	APA	3	Yes	Yes	No	0	No	1	NI	25	25
Social Development	AJME/PA	Handels	3	0	80	10	1	5-10	APA 3-4	2	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	0-12	NI	30-40	
South Pacific Journal of Teacher Education	ARI	300	2	0-8	20	50	NI			2	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	18	4	50	
Teaching and Teacher Education	ARI	1000+	6	7	100	NI	NI	4.5-7.5	APA 3-3	3	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	0	NI	15-18	22-26
The Australian Journal of Special Education	AMP	1800	2	5	70	Varies	1	3-5	APA 2	2	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	0	NI	1.5	00-20
The Australian Journal of Language & Literacy	AMP	8000	4	0-25-50	60	60	2	10-15pp	APA 2	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	0	NI	1.5	00-20
The Elementary School Journal	AJME/PA/S	4327	5	7	97	20	2	20pp	APA 2-3	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-3	No	18	Varies	13	0
The Journal of Career Behaviour	AJME/PA	2000	4	5	80	80	NI	5-6	APA 2-3	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-3	No	2	NI	4.5	00
The Journal of Educational Thought	AJME/PA	500	3	3.5			NI	6	APA 2-3	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2-3	No	12-18	NI	5.5	24
The Journal of Special Education	ARI	4000	4	7	85	NI	Occasional	10-20pp	APA 2-3	3	Yes	No	Yes	3-4	No	0-6	NI	10-15	15-20
The Journal of Vocational Education Research	AMP	400	4	4	100	20	Yes	15-20pp	APA 3	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	2	No	3-8	NI	5.5	30
Therapist in Practice	AMP	2000	4	8-10			4	3-4	APA 2-3	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	3-4	No	0	0-10	5	Varies
Topics in Early Childhood Special Education	AMP	2700	4	7	40	NI	3	20pp	APA 4	4	Yes	No	Yes	3	No	0	NI	0-6	25
Teachers	AMP	2000	4	0-8	10	50	Yes	<4	Harvard	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	No	0-12	5	12-15	10



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